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ENCLOSED ARE THE CORRECTIONS ON  
APPLICATION NUMBERS 10/614,705 AND  
10/647,753.

BOTH INVENTIONS PROVIDE THE SAME  
WATER SAVING GOAL BUT BY DIFFERENT  
MEANS. THIS IS WHY THE CLAIMS FOR  
EACH DUAL VALVE #10/614,705 AND DUAL  
VALVE ADAPTER #10/614,753 HAVE SOME  
CLAIMS ALIKE. THANK YOU.

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Robert M. Fetsuga  
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RE: Application #'s 10/614,705 & 10/647,753

Dear Mr. Fetsuga,

Enclosed are new drawings and a new claim sheet. I have been retired for many years and can't afford a patent attorney so I am attempting to file these patent applications on my own. If there is something more you need please contact me.

As you know there is a water shortage crisis in many states so the E.P.A. put a restriction of 1.6 gallons per each new toilet tank. I am convinced that my inventions will save much more water than even with the 1.6 gallon restriction. I think the E.P.A. would like to see my inventions put into production.

You mentioned the Brown patent that was issued 74 years ago. At that time there was not a water crisis and water was very cheap. This is probably why this valve was never put on the market.

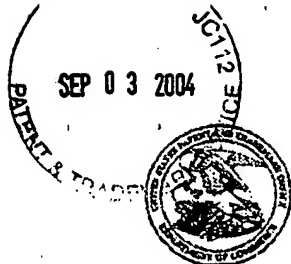
I have checked Home Depot, Lowes, Sears and other outlets and none of them have a dual flush valve in their stores. They all have single flush valves.

It is ridiculous to think that it takes as much water to flush down a few ounces of urine as it does to flush down solid waste.

Sincerely,

Paul B. McKee

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ENCLOSED IS THE REVISED  
CLAIM SHEET FOR APPLICATION  
#10/647,753. THANK YOU.

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